

Ordinance 22-15: Geologic Hazards Overlay District Code & Map Updates

Within the unincorporated areas of Clatsop County, the County regulates development in locations where there are identified geologic hazards. We do this to reduce threats to life and property from landslides, ocean flooding and coastal erosion, weak foundation soils, and other geologic hazards that may be present.

The Community Development Department has started a process to update the Geologic Hazards Overlay District (GHO) mapping and regulations in an effort to use the best information available and to make sure our development regulations are consistent with industry standards and best management practices.

Ordinance 22-15 would amend the [Clatsop County Land and Water Development and Use Code \(LAWDUC\)](#), Section 5.3000 Geologic Hazards Overlay District (GHO).

Geologic hazard permit applications would continue to be reviewed under a Type I administrative procedure. Potential amendments may include, but not be limited to:

- Update geologic hazard mapping, using the best available data to identify potentially hazardous areas. The proposal would replace the 1974 and 1979 DOGAMI* Bulletins with DOGAMI Open File Reports O-12-06 (2012), O-13-05 (2013), O-21-10 (2021).
 - This means that some properties that are currently in the GHO may be taken out of the overlay and some properties that are not currently in the GHO may be added in;
- Provide exemptions from the geologic hazard permit requirements for certain lower-risk development activities;
- Update geologic hazard report requirements to align with statewide standards;
- Extend the period geologic hazard reports are considered valid from two years to five years.

The Clatsop County Planning Commission and Board of Clatsop County Commissioners will hold public hearings regarding the adoption of Ordinance 22-15 on the following dates:

Clatsop County Planning Commission

- November 8, 2022: to review the proposed ordinance, consider public testimony, and make a recommendation to the Board of Clatsop County Commissioners. [Click here for meeting agenda](#)

Board of Clatsop County Commissioners

- TBD (Note: the hearings scheduled for December 14, 2022, and January 11, 2023 have been postponed. Please check back for the new dates soon)

These hearings will be held in person and virtually (hybrid) at the Judge Guy Boyington Building, 857 Commercial Street, Astoria, and via Zoom. Instructions to join the meeting via Zoom will be included in the agenda packet, which will be posted on the County website at least one week in advance of each hearing at www.co.clatsop.or.us/meetings

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